

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING  
OF THE  
LAFAYETTE PARKING COMMISSION  
April 19, 2010  
11:00 am**

**ATTENDANCE**

**COMMISSIONERS:** John Metzinger; Donald J Teder, Bob Carpenter, Jacque Chosnek

**STAFF:** Dennis Carson; Tom Van Horn; Nancy Hendricks

**GUESTS:** Max Smith; Opel Jones; Cathy Turner; Kim Davis; Vicki Bollock; Zoe Neal; Susan Schechter; Richard Trent; Amanda Hamon; Tom Gall; Desiree Shen Chuang; Cinda Schaffer

President John Metzinger opened the meeting of the Lafayette Parking Commission.

**Approve minutes of the January 25, 2010 meeting**

Donald J Teder moved to approve the minutes for the January 25, 2010 meeting. Bob Carpenter seconded. The motion passed.

**Old Business:**

- **Request for South Street Bus Stop marker at Tippecanoe County Public Library**

In the hopes that a voting quorum might materialize, President John Metzinger opted to move this agenda item to the end of the meeting.

- **Report on continuing parking limits and no parking zone requests**

Tom Van Horn reported on the parking limits requested throughout the city. This yearly report continues to monitor the needs of past requests and updates are made each year. From the inquiries made for this year, one twenty minute space on 120 N 3<sup>rd</sup> Street was removed, four handicap spaces (337 Columbia Street, 606 Columbia Street, N 8<sup>th</sup> Street next to 731 Main Street and 120 N 3<sup>rd</sup> Street) were removed, and one loading zone at N 8<sup>th</sup> Street next to 800 Main Street was removed. All other past requests remain in effect.

Bob Carpenter moved to approve the removal of the past parking restrictions no longer needed. Don Teder seconded. The motion passed.

**New Business:**

- **Request for parking to be re-allowed on Ferry Street from 27<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> Streets**

The existing no parking zone at this location was due to the traffic and parking needs associated with Home Hospital. With the re-location of Home Hospital, residents of the area, Cinda Schaffer and Vicki Bollock, asked for parking to be restored on the south side of Ferry Street.

Bob Carpenter moved to remove the no parking zone on the south side of Ferry Street. Don Teder seconded. The motion passed.

- **Request for parking to be re-allowed on 27<sup>th</sup> Street from Ferry to South Streets**

The existing no parking zone at this location was due again to the needs associated with Home Hospital. Re-location of the hospital presents the opportunity to restore a parking zone on the

east side of 27<sup>th</sup> Street. Kim Davis, resident of the area requested parking restoration on behalf of the neighborhood.

Bob Carpenter moved to restore parking on the east side of 27<sup>th</sup> Street between Ferry and South Streets. Don Teder seconded. The motion passed.

- **Request for 2-hour parking on the south side of Reynolds Street**

The two hour parking zone request by the Lafayette Hearing Center would accommodate elderly patients and allow accessibility to a handicap ramp at this business. Kathy Turner, speaking on behalf of the doctor's office, also mentioned that such consideration has been granted to other medical businesses in the area.

Don Teder moved to establish the two hour parking zone on the south side of Reynolds Street where it intersects Scott Street. Bob Carpenter seconded. The motion passed.

- **Request for parking change on North 30<sup>th</sup> Street between Brown and Union Streets**

Opel Jones, speaking on behalf of the request from Carol Raghab (at 502 N.30<sup>th</sup>), explained that parking on both sides of the street makes it difficult to navigate vehicles through the area. A traffic count was taken by the engineering department. Stanley Knight investigated the situation and discovered that there is ample off street parking for both sides of the street; the street is 26 to 30 ft wide and can accommodate emergency vehicles. The engineering department recommends leaving the situation as it is.

Bob Carpenter moved to deny the request for parking change on North 30<sup>th</sup> Street between Brown and Union Streets. Don Teder seconded. The motion passed.

- **Request for parking change in front of 632 Main Street**

This request comes from Virtuous Cycles and asks for an on-street bicycle parking bay in front of their store to allow for utilization of their store, the Lafayette Brewing Company, Wabash Valley Center, the Lafayette Theatre, and other downtown businesses in that block. Zoe Neal, speaking on behalf of Virtuous Cycles, noted that there is no place on the block for cyclists to secure their bikes and that U locks damage trees. Putting bike racks on the sidewalk restricts pedestrian use and cyclists re-entering traffic from the sidewalk put themselves at a safety risk. Several members of the public also spoke of their desire for accommodation for cycle parking and Desiree Shen Chuang presented a petition of 195 signatures from Virtuous Cycles' customers, Tippecanoe County Traffic employees, local business owners, and bike club members.

The main opposition to the installation of a parking bay was the possibility of use for retail purposes (display of bicycles for sale by Virtuous Cycles.) Max Smith from the City of Lafayette Traffic Department reminded the Commission and the attending public that retail use of public space is in violation of city code. Dennis Carson concurred that this would be a public space and that all considerations for the space fall in that jurisdiction. Mr. Carson also disclosed that adding a parking bay fits into the long range plan for the use of the downtown area.

After discussion of technical traffic issues, Bob Carpenter moved to approve the request for a parking bay in front of 632 Main Street by eliminating one automobile parking space. Don Teder seconded. The motion passed.

### **Director's Report**

Dennis Carson reported that the automated system at the Columbia Block garage is up and running well; and that a more uniformed timed parking for the downtown is needed. A survey for public input for downtown parking limits is posted on the city's website and any additional comments are encouraged.

President John Metzinger noted that a voting quorum still did not exist for the request for parking change at the Tippecanoe County Library. Bob Carpenter moved to table this request. Don Teder seconded. The motion passed.

### **Public Comment and Adjournment**

Hearing no response to the request for any additional public comment, President John Metzinger recommended adjournment. Bob Carpenter so moved. Don Teder seconded. The motion passed.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Nancy Hendricks  
Recording Secretary*

Signed,

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Lafayette Parking Commissioner